

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1723

Introduced by Assembly Member Fuentes

February 16, 2012

An act to amend Section 66020.5 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1723, as introduced, Fuentes. Postsecondary educational institutions: meetings: live audio transmission.

Existing law requires the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the Trustees of the California State University, the California Postsecondary Education Commission, and the Student Aid Commission, including specified auxiliary organizations, and requests the Regents of the University of California, to provide for live audio transmission of all meetings, which are open to the public pursuant to specified law, through a technology that is accessible to as large a segment of the public as possible, including, but not necessarily limited to, the use of cable, satellite, over-the-air, or any other type of transmission that can be accessed through a television.

This bill would remove over-the-air transmissions from the list of transmissions that can be accessed through a television.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 66020.5 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

1 66020.5. (a) The Board of Governors of the California
2 Community Colleges, the Trustees of the California State
3 University, the California Postsecondary Education Commission,
4 and the Student Aid Commission, including any auxiliary
5 organization established pursuant to Section 69522, shall, and the
6 Regents of the University of California are requested to, provide
7 for live audio transmission of all meetings, which are open to the
8 public pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article
9 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of
10 Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), through a
11 technology that is accessible to as large a segment of the public
12 as possible, including, but not necessarily limited to, the use of
13 either of the following technologies:

14 (1) Cable, satellite,~~over-the-air,~~ or any other type of
15 transmission that can be accessed ~~though~~ *through* a television.

16 (2) Web cast, in which case notice of meetings that are open to
17 the public and links to the Web cast shall be easily accessible via
18 each entity's Internet Web site.

19 (b) It is not a violation of this section if technical failures prevent
20 an entity from providing a live audio transmission so long as the
21 entity exercised reasonable diligence in making a live audio
22 transmission available.